## **Supporting information**

#### For

# An unexpected deamination reaction after hydrolysis of the pyrimidine (6-4) pyrimidone photoproduct

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#### Abbreviations used

6-4PP, pyrimidine (6-4) pyrimidone photoproduct; abbreviations for NMR signal coupling are as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; m, multiplet.

#### **General Methods**

All reagent grade chemicals were purchased from Sigma, Fisher, or VWR and used without further purification. The  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker 500 MHz NMR Fourier transform spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded in sample solutions in  $d_4$ -methanol, with residual methanol ( $\delta$  3.31 ppm for  $^{1}$ H NMR and  $\delta$  49.0 ppm for  $^{13}$ C NMR), or in deuterated water (D<sub>2</sub>O), with residual H<sub>2</sub>O ( $\delta$  4.79 ppm for  $^{1}$ H NMR) taken as the standard. The chemical shifts on NMR spectra were reported in parts per million (ppm). The photoreaction was carried out using a Spectroline germicidal UV sterilizing lamps (254 nm, Dual-tube, 15 w, intensity: 1.55mw/cm<sup>2</sup>) with the samples ~10 cm to the lamp.

HPLC analysis was performed at room temperature with a Waters (Milford, MA) breeze HPLC system coupled to a 2489 UV/Visible detector at 302 nm. An Agilent ZORBAX Bonus-RP column (5  $\mu$ m particle size, 250 × 4.6 mm i.d.) was equilibrated in solvent A (20 mM ammonium acetate in 99% water and 1% acetonitrile, pH 6.5) and compounds were eluted with an ascending gradient (1% ~ 10%) of acetonitrile in 20 minutes at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. Under this gradient, **1** was eluted at 4.5 min and 6-4PP at 7.6 min. Semi-preparative HPLC was performed at room temperature with the same Waters HPLC setup. An XBridge<sup>TM</sup> OST C18 column (2.5  $\mu$ m particle size, 50 × 10 mm i.d.) was equilibrated in solvent A (10 mM ammonium acetate in 99% water and 1% acetonitrile, pH 6.5) and compounds were eluted with an ascending gradient (1% ~ 10%) of acetonitrile in 20 minutes at a flow rate of 4.73 mL/min. The LC/MS and MS/MS analyses were conducted via an Agilent 6520 Accurate Mass Q-TOF LC/MS spectrometer.

## Preparation of 6-4PP and [15N]-6-4PP

The preparation of 6-4PP and [<sup>15</sup>N]-6-4PP was achieved using published procedures from TpT and [<sup>15</sup>N]-TpT<sup>[1,2]</sup>.

#### 6-4PP

<sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $d_4$ -methanol): δ1.49 (dd, J = 7.6, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.92-2.01 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.43-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.94 (ddd, J = 2.7, 7.2, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dt, J = 8.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 3.4, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 2.6, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94-4.03 (m, 3H), 4.80-4.87 (m, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 2.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $d_4$ -methanol): δ13.6, 25.7, 35.5, 35.8, 57.7, 59.2, 64.6, 69.7, 69.9, 71.9, 82.0, 82.8, 86.5, 87.5, 115.8, 142.8, 153.1, 156.9, 173.3, 175.4. ESI-MS (negative mode) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{26}N_4O_{12}P^-$ : 545.1290, found 545.1287.

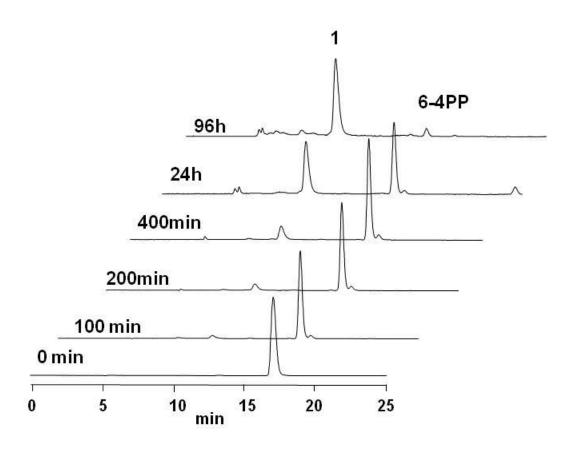
### $[^{15}N]-6-4PP$

<sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $d_4$ -methanol): δ1.51 (dd, J = 7.6, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.93-2.01 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.43-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.94 (ddd, J = 2.9, 7.3, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dt, J = 8.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 3.5, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 2.7, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92-4.03 (m, 3H), 4.80-4.86 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J = 1.4, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 2.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $d_4$ -methanol): δ13.5, 25.6, 35.7, 35.9, 57.8, 59.3, 64.5, 69.7, 70.0,

71.9, 82.1, 82.8, 86.4, 87.5, 115.8, 142.8, 153.1 (d,  $J_{C-N} = 18.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 156.9, 173.3 (d,  $J_{C-N} = 11.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 175.4. ESI-MS (negative mode) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{26}N_3^{15}NO_{12}P^-$ : 546.1261, found 546.1252.

#### Formation of 1 in 0.2 M KOH

6-4PP was dissolved in 0.2 M KOH to a final concentration of 0.75 mM. The resulting solution was allowed to sit at room temperature for various time periods. 1  $\mu$ l of the reaction mixture was extracted and immediately analyzed by HPLC.



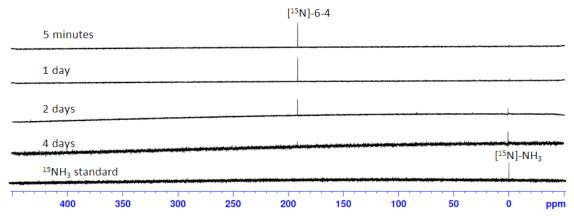
**Figure S1**. HPLC chromatograph of the 6-4PP hydrolysis reaction under 0.2 M KOH at ambient temperature monitored at the 302 nm wavelength of the UV detector. A new product 1 was generated at  $\sim 90\%$  yield after the 4-day reaction. Additionally, the putative 6-4PP water adduct reported previously was not observed during the course of the reaction.

#### Compound 1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $d_4$ -methanol): δ1.36 (s, 3H), 1.74-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.94-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.46-2.55 (m, 1H), 3.02 (ddd, J = 2.0, 7.0, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dt, J = 8.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 4.1, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 3.0, 12.8, Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.98-4.05 (m, 2H), 4.82-4.88 (m, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $d_4$ -methanol): δ12.8, 18.9, 34.9, 35.8, 59.0, 60.2, 64.6, 69.4, 70.4, 81.5, 82.6, 82.8, 86.6, 87.8, 114.0, 144.7, 156.9, 157.5, 173.4, 176.3. ESI-MS (negative mode) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>13</sub>P<sup>-</sup>: 546.1130, found 546.1132.

# Loss of an ammonia after 6-4PP alkaline treatment: monitoring the reaction using $^{15}N$ -labeled 6-4PP in 0.30 M KOD in $D_2O$

<sup>15</sup>N labeled dinucleotide 6-4PP was dissolved in 0.30 M KOD in D<sub>2</sub>O (0.40 mL) to a final concentration of 55.0 mM. The resulting solution was allowed to sit at room temperature for various periods of time and <sup>15</sup>N NMR spectra were collected at different time points. (A sample solution containing <sup>15</sup>NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3 mg) in 0.30 M KOD in D<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) was used as an external standard for <sup>15</sup>N-NMR spectrum.)



**Figure S2.** <sup>15</sup>N-NMR spectra describing the reaction of <sup>15</sup>N-labeled 6-4PP in 0.30 M KOD at ambient temperature in D<sub>2</sub>O. The <sup>15</sup>N peak (191.7 ppm), corresponding to <sup>15</sup>N-labeled 6-4PP, decreased over time as the reaction proceeded. A new <sup>15</sup>N NMR signal (0 ppm), corresponding to <sup>15</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>, increased accordingly, indicating that a molecule of ammonia was generated during the reaction.

The product 1 generated from alkaline treatment of 6-4PP possesses a five-membered ring structure rather than an anhydride structure:

# (a) Comparison of the $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of 6-4PP and compound 1

Table S1. 13C NMR data of 6-4PP and 1

identification _	<sup>13</sup> C chemical shift (ppm)			
of carbon	6-4PP	1	$\Delta \delta$ (ppm)	
1A	82.0	81.5	-0.5	
2A	35.5	34.9	-0.6	
3A	69.9	70.3	0.4	
4A	82.8	82.6	-0.2	

5A	59.2	60.2	1.0
1B	87.5	87.9	0.4
2B	35.8	35.8	0.0
3B	69.7	69.4	-0.3
4B	86.5	86.6	0.1
5B	64.6	64.7	0.1
$Me_a$	25.7	18.9	-6.8
<b>2</b> a	153.1	157.5	4.4
4a	173.3	176.3	3.0
5a	71.9	82.8	10.9
6a	57.7	59.0	1.3
$Me_b$	13.6	12.9	-0.7
2b	156.9	156.9	0.0
4b	175.4	173.4	-2.0
5b	115.8	114.0	-1.8
6b	142.8	144.7	1.9

# (b) $^{18}O$ label results in $^{13}C$ NMR signal shift only at $C_{4a}$ , but not at $C_{2a}$

# Preparation of [18O]-1

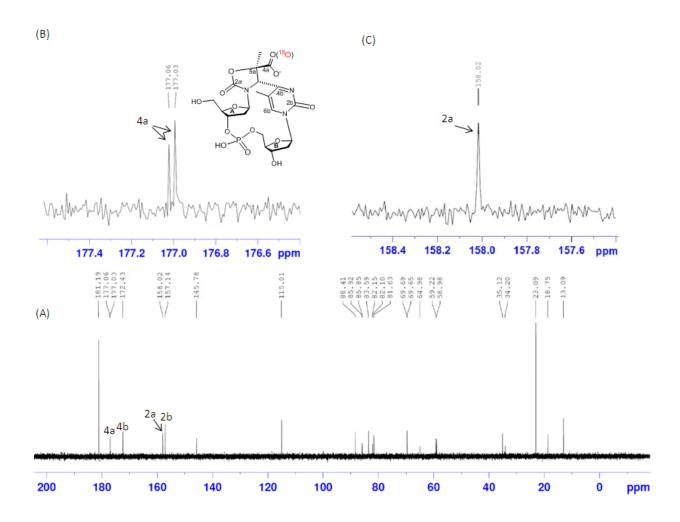
6-4PP (21 mg) was dissolved in 0.35 M KOH in  $H_2^{18}O$  (95%  $^{18}O$ ) to a final concentration of 0.75 mM. The resulting solution was allowed to sit at room temperature for two days and the resulting [ $^{18}O$ ]-1 was purified by preparative HPLC.

# 1 and [18O]-1 in a ~ 1:1 mixture

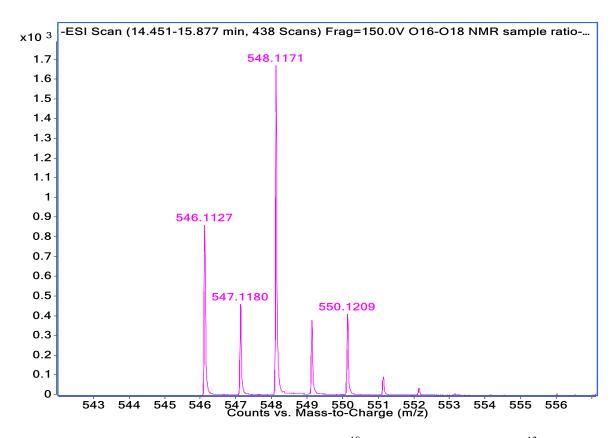
1:1 mixture

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$ 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.63 (dd, J = 7.0, 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.07-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.55-2.65 (m, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, J = 1.9, 7.0, 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.67 (dd, J = 4.1,

13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, J = 5.6, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12-4.17 (m, 1H), 4.78-4.87 (m, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$ 13.1, 18.8, 34.2, 35.1, 59.0, 59.2, 64.98, 65.03,, 69.6, 69.7, 81.6, 82.1, 83.6, 85.9, 88.4, 115.0, 145.8, 157.1, 158.0, 172.4, 177.1 and 177.0 (2C; due to the chemical shift effects of <sup>18</sup>O, C<sub>4a</sub> exhibits as two peaks; 177.0617 and 177.0327). ESI-MS (negative mode) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub><sup>18</sup>OP<sup>-</sup>: 548.1173, found 548.1175.



**Figure S3.** (B)  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of unlabeled  $1/[^{18}O]$ -labeled 1 as a 1:1.8 mixture. (B) and (C) Zoom-in view of the region corresponding to  $^{13}$ C NMR signals of  $C_{4a}$  and  $C_{2a}$  respectively.



**Figure S4.** ESI-MS analysis of the unlabeled and  $^{18}$ O-labeled **1** used for the  $^{13}$ C NMR studies above. The ratio between the unlabeled ([M – H] $^-$  signal at 546.1 amu) and  $^{18}$ O-labeled **1** ([M – H] $^-$  signal at 548.1 amu) was found to be 1 : 1.8.

#### (c) ROE correlation of 6-4PPand compound 1

**Figure S5.** Comparison of the ROESY spectra of 6-4PP and 1. In 6-4PP, the  $H_{6a}$  atom interacts with both methyl groups. In compound 1, the corresponding ROESY signal disappears due to the *trans* conformation of  $H_{6a}$  and  $Me_a$ .

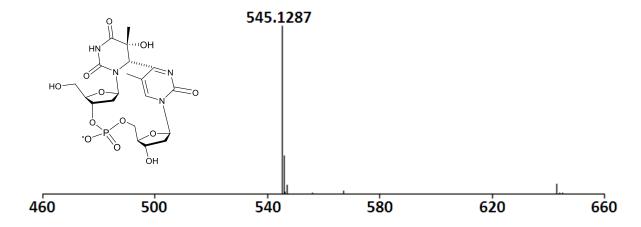


Figure S6. ESI-MS spectrum of the 6-4PP in negative ion mode ([M – H]<sup>-</sup> species).

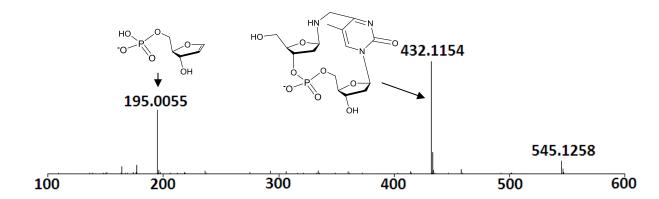
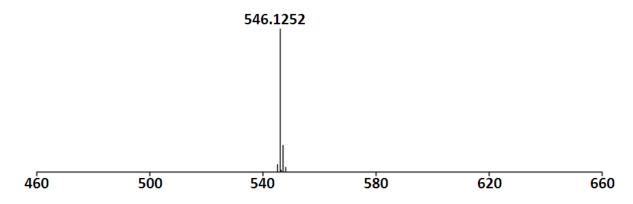
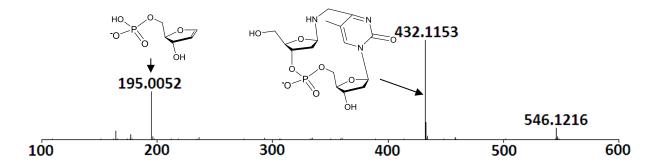


Figure S7. MS-MS spectrum and the fragment structures of the 6-4PP under negative ion mode.



**Figure S8.** ESI-MS spectrum of  $[^{15}N]$ -6-4PP under negative ion mode ( $[M-H]^-$  species).



**Figure S9.** MS-MS spectrum and fragment structures of the [<sup>15</sup>N]-6-4PP under negative ion mode.

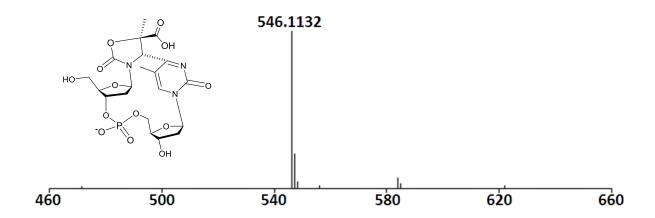


Figure S10. ESI-MS spectrum of product 1 under negative ion mode ([M – H] species).

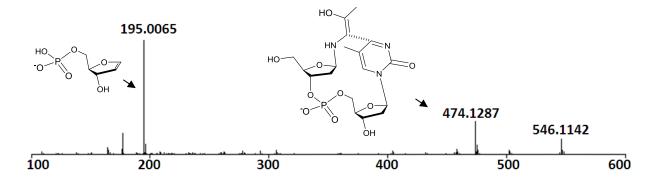
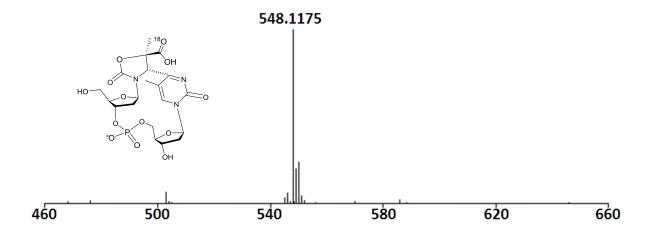
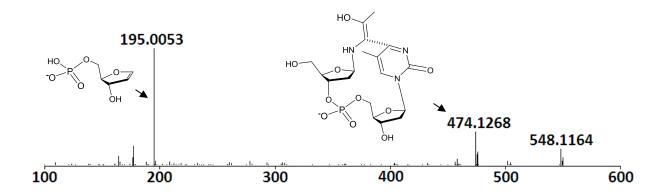


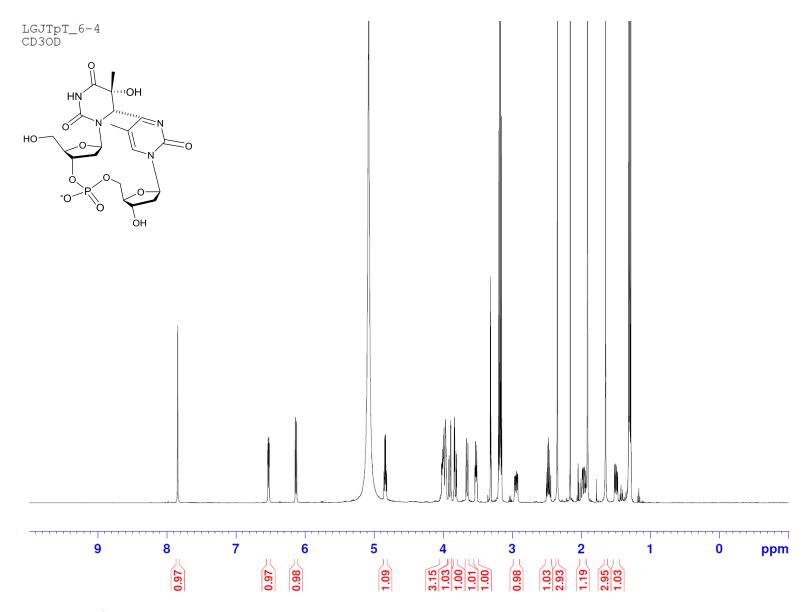
Figure S11. MS-MS spectrum and fragment structures of 1 under negative ion mode.



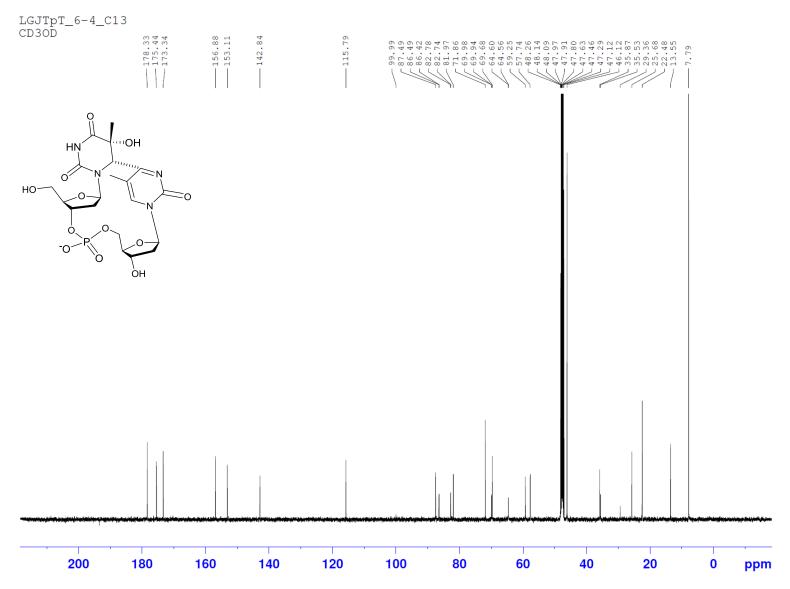
**Figure S12.** ESI-MS spectrum of  $[^{18}O]$ -1 under negative ion mode ( $[M-H]^-$  species).



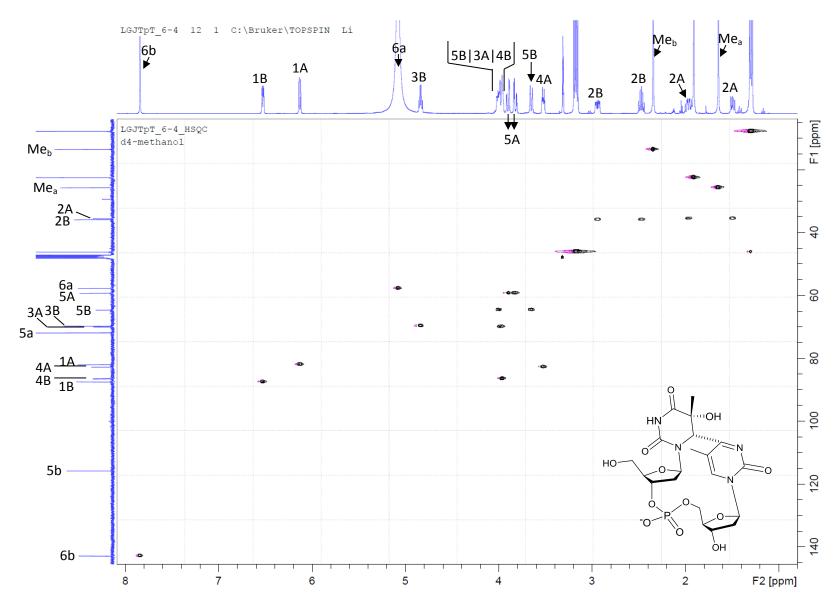
**Figure S13.** MS-MS spectrum and fragment structures of [<sup>18</sup>O]-1 under negative ion mode.



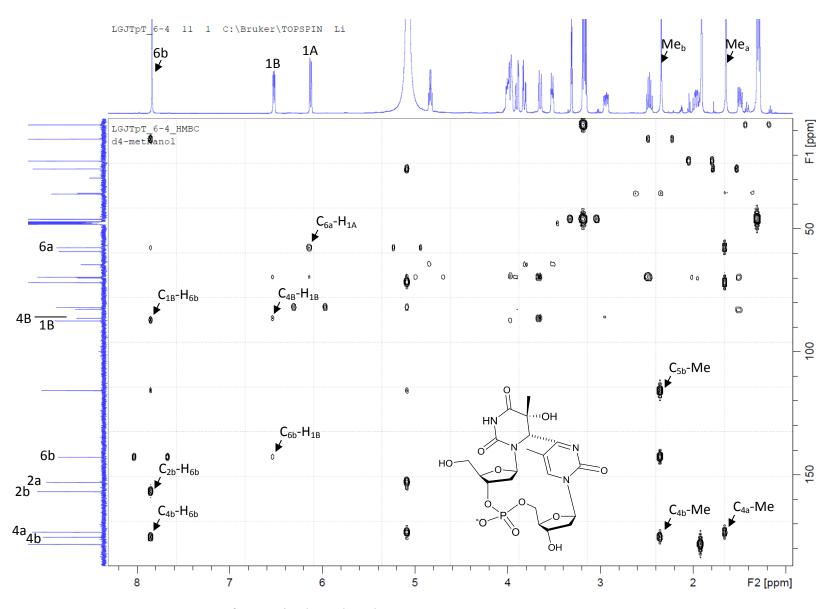
**Figure S14.**  $^{1}$ H-NMR spectrum of 6-4PP in  $d_{4}$ -methanol.



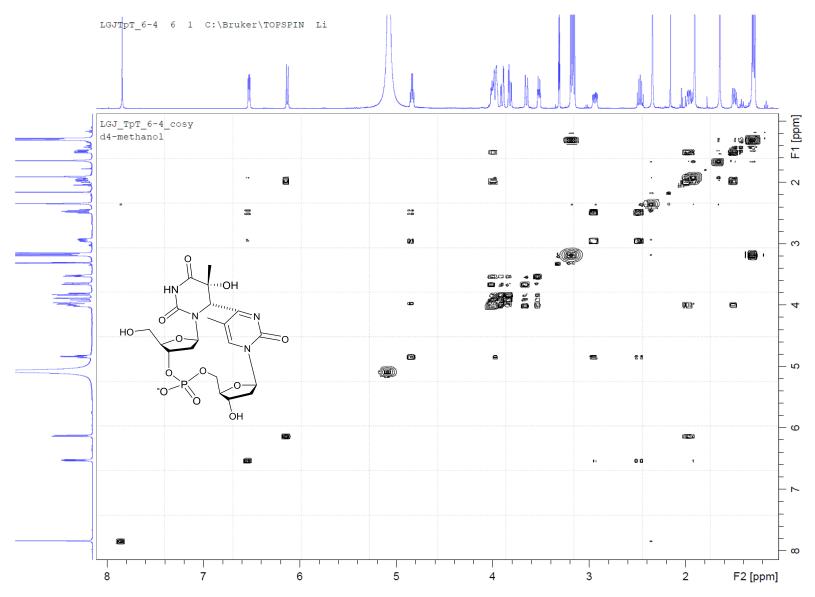
**Figure S15.**  $^{13}$ C-NMR spectrum of 6-4PP in  $d_4$ -methanol.



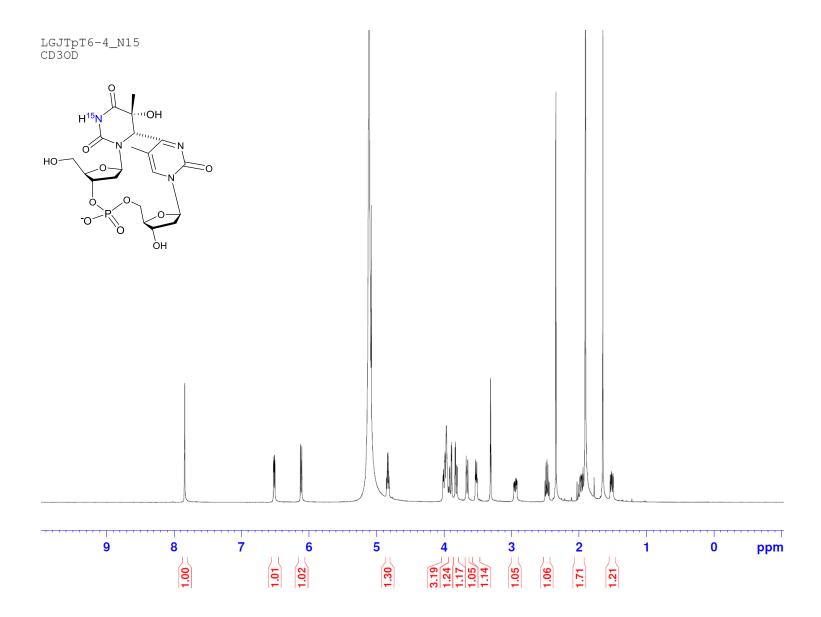
**Figure S16.** HSQC spectrum of 6-4PP in  $d_4$ -methanol.



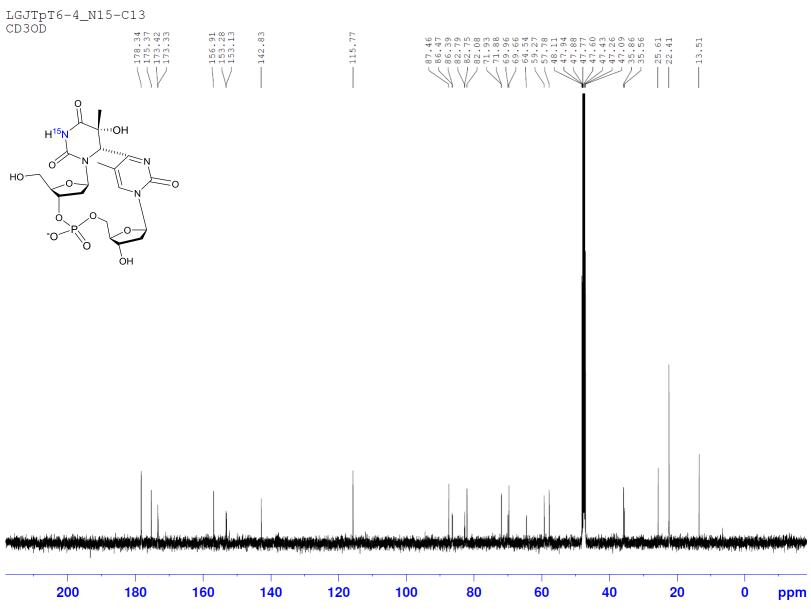
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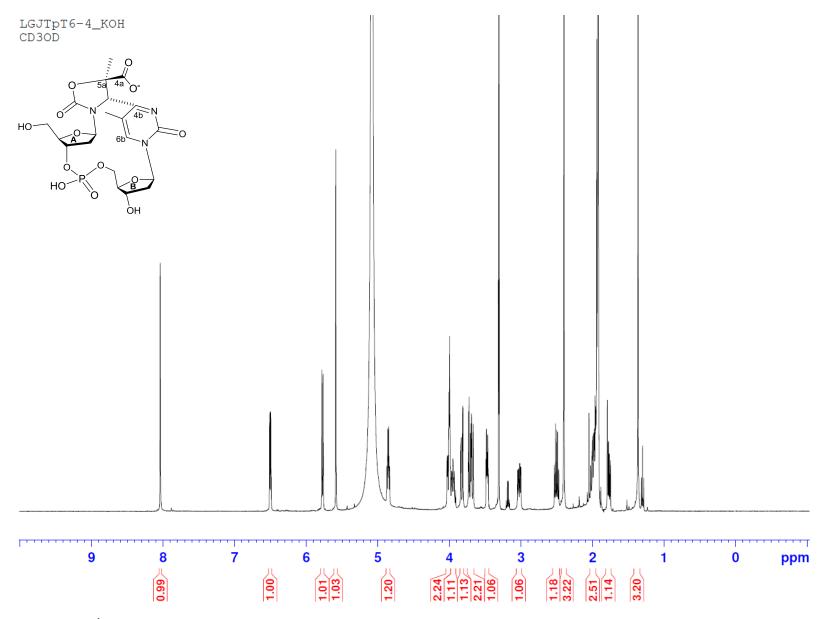
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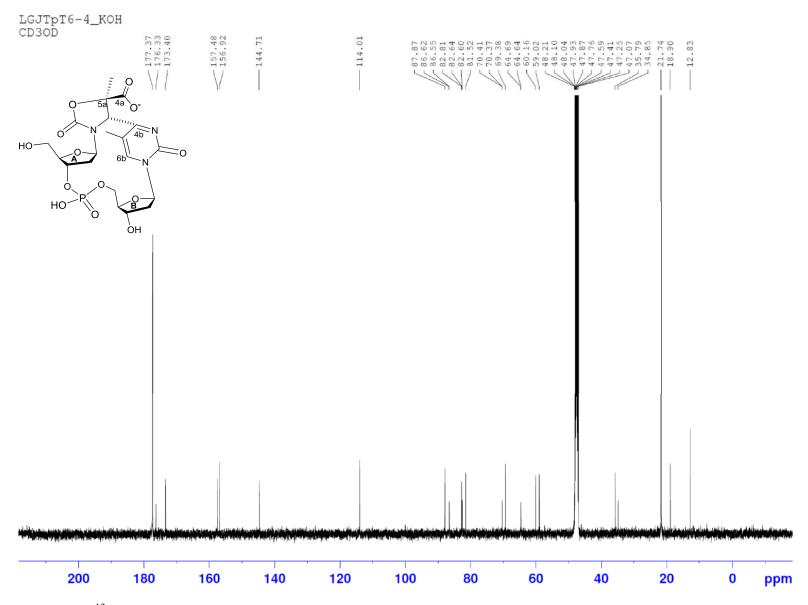
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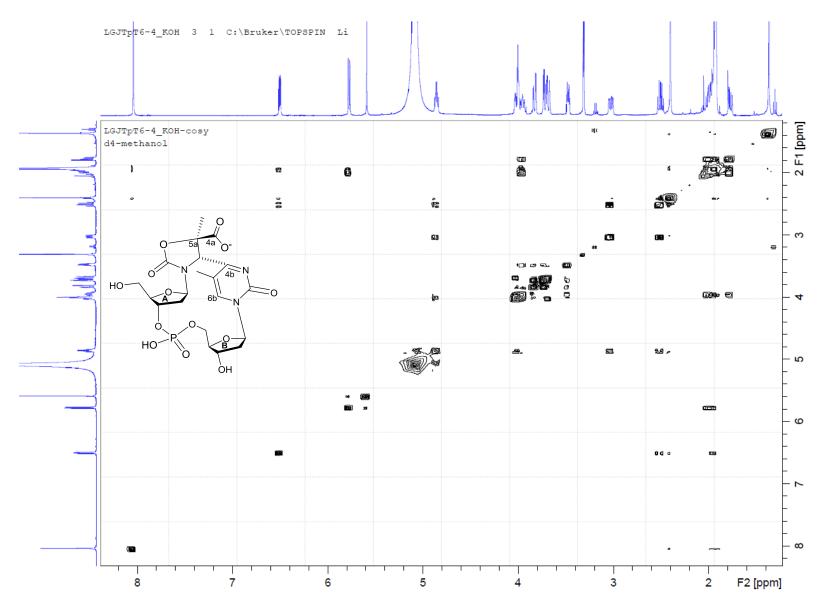
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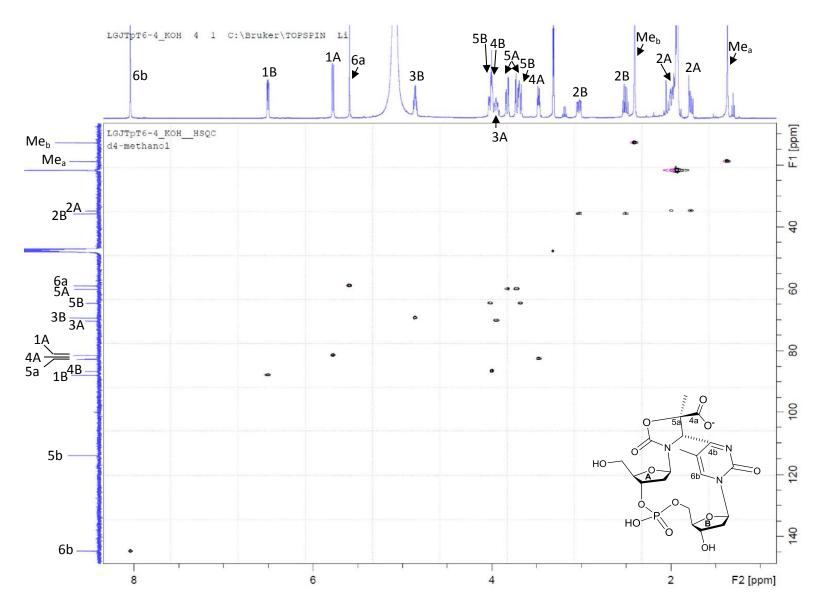
**Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** in  $d_4$ -methanol.



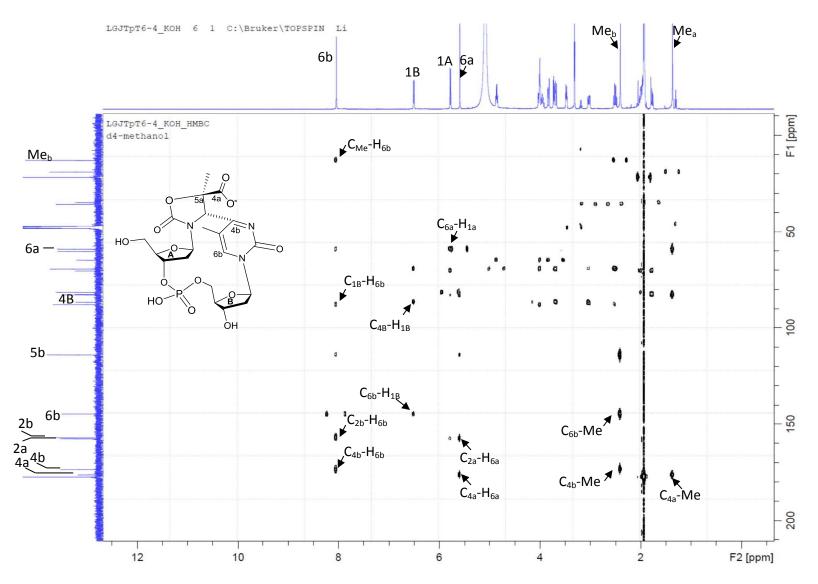
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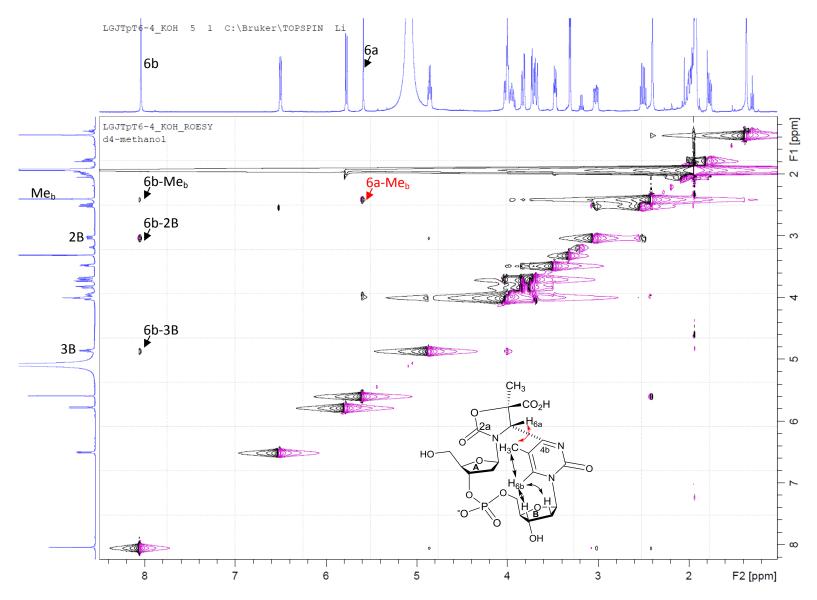
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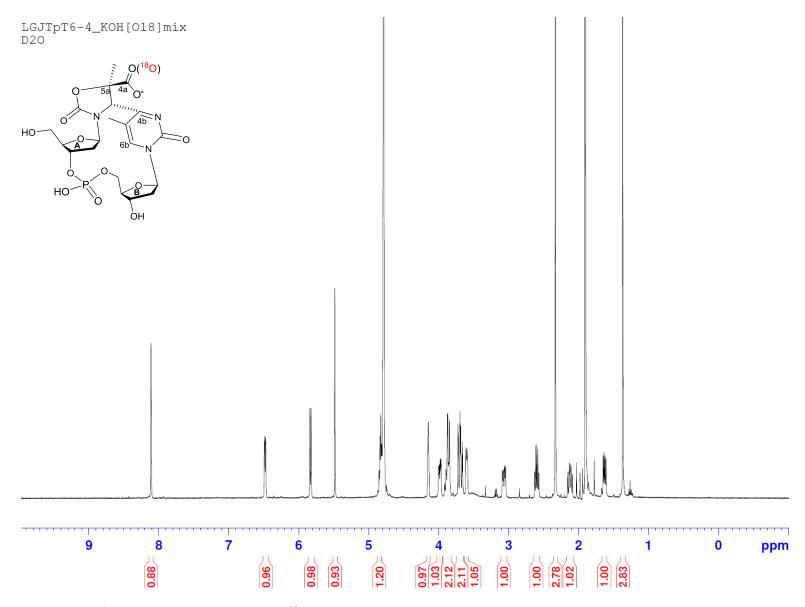
**Figure S24.** HSQC spectrum of 1 in  $d_4$ -methanol.



**Figure S25.** HMBC spectrum of **1** in  $d_4$ -methanol.



**Figure S26.** ROESY spectrum of 1 in  $d_4$ -methanol.



**Figure S27**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** and [ $^{18}$ O]-**1** as a~ 1 : 1 mixture in D<sub>2</sub>O.

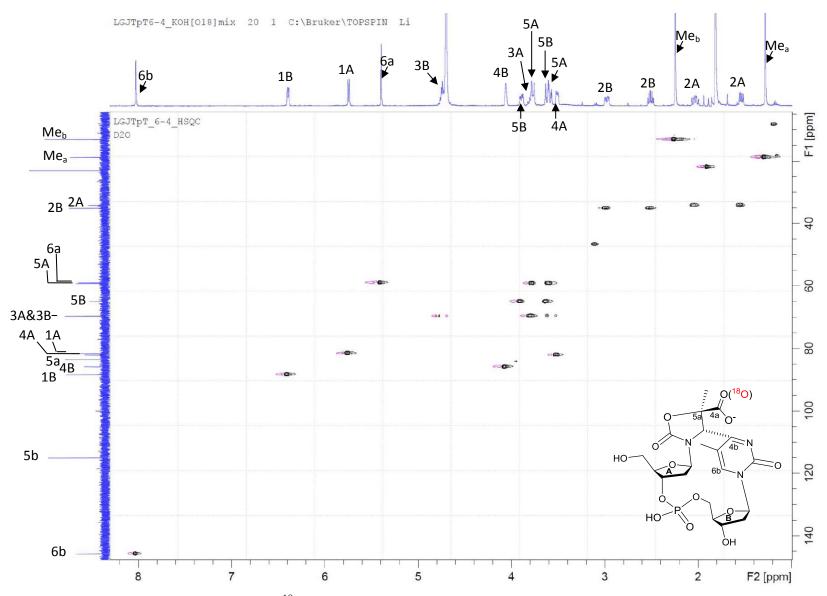
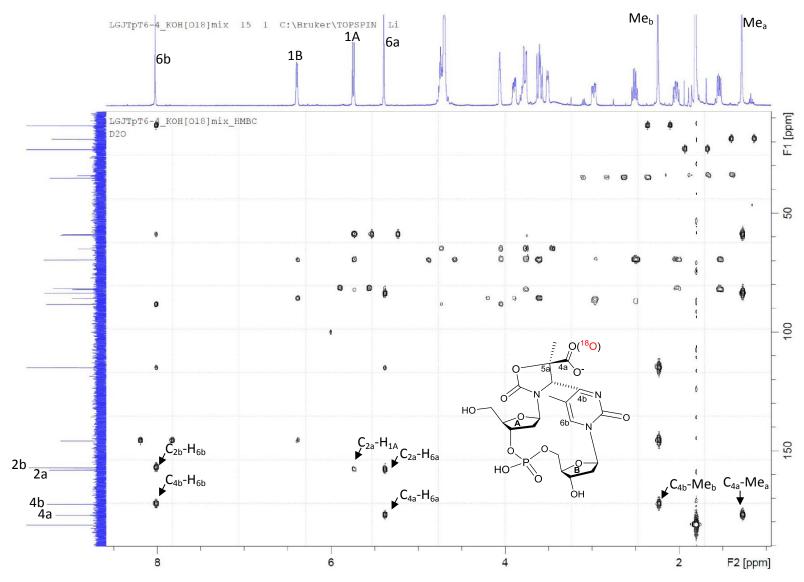
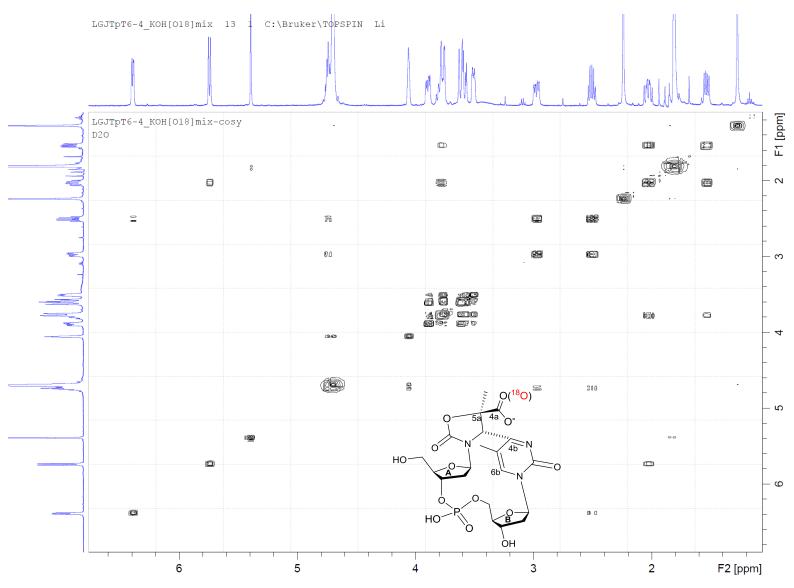


Figure S28. HSQC spectrum of 1 and [ $^{18}$ O]-1 as a  $\sim$ 1 : 1 mixture in D<sub>2</sub>O.



**Figure S29.** HMBC spectrum of **1** and  $[^{18}O]$ -**1** as a  $\sim$ 1 : 1 mixture in  $D_2O$ .



**Figure S30.** COSY spectrum of **1** and  $[^{18}O]$ -**1** as  $a\sim 1:1$  mixture in  $D_2O$ .

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